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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN MINSTATE WIDJOJO VISIT: HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: JAKARTA 9426

1. PART OF MEETING BETWEEN MINSTATE WIDJOJO/MAJ. GEN.
MURDANI AND DEPSEC CHRISTOPHER PERTAINED HUMAN RIGHTS.
SEPARATE MEETING ALSO HELD BETWEEN LIM BIAN KIE
AND D/HA DEPUTIES SCHNEIDER AND SIEVERTS.

2. CHRISTOPHER RAISED ISSUE BY EXPRESSING THANKS TO
INDONESIAN GOVT FOR FACILITATING CONGRESSIONAL VISIT TO
EAST TIMOR. HE ALSO HOPED ICRC VISIT TO AREA COULD BE
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ARRANGED. HE EMPHASIZED PRESIDENTIAL INTEREST IN HUMAN
RIGHTS, THE IMPORTANCE OF ADHERENCE TO THE RELEASE
SCHEDULE AND OUR FAVORABLE REACTIONS TO POSITIVE HUMAN
RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS. WE INTEND APPLAUD HUMAN RIGHTS
IMPROVEMENTS AS WELL AS CALL ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS.
MURDANI NOTED ICRC HUMANITARIAN VIEWS DIFFER FROM GOI
VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE SECURITY. MISUNDERSTANDINGS HAVE

ARISEN WHICH TAKE TIME TO FESOLVE. GOI IS SEEKING
ACCOMMODATE ICRC AND GA: -" NARROWING DESPITE RECENT
"INCIDENTS", BUT VISITS TO EAST TIMOR WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE
FOR 2-3 MONTHS AS LOCAL GOVERNOR IS OPPOSED TO THEM AND

WILL HAVE TO BE "FORCED".

3. LIM BIAN KIE MEETING WITH D/HA DEPUTIES SIEVERTS AND
SCHNEIDER AND EA OFFICERS CENTERED ON LIM'S FORTHCOMING
MEETING W,TH NESSI IN GENEVA AND PROBLEM OF PKI PRISONERS.
LIM OUTLINED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAD CAUSED CONCERN
WITHIN GOI AT ICRC ACTIONS (LAST ICRC TEAM'S ABRUPT
REQUEST TO SEE BUDIARDJO, ICRC PUBLICATION OF REPORT
ALLEGEDLY WITHOUT CONSULTING GOI, LONDON TIMES STORY,
ETC.) BUT INDICATED DESIRE REACH ARRANGEMENT WITH NESSI
BY WHICH ICRC WOULD "RESUME" PREVIOUS PRISON INSPECTION
TRIP AND PROVIDE "FINAL" REPORT WHICH WOULD MITIGATE
EARLIER CRITICISM.

4. LIM PROVIDED LATEST STATISTICS ON PRISONERS INDICATING
REMAINING TOTAL OF 26,992 (COPY POUCHED TO JAKARTA) AND
OUTLINED RELEASE PLANS, NOTING GOI PLANNED RELEASED
APPROXIMATELY 8,600 IN STAGES BEFORE END OF FISCAL YEAR
(MARCH 78) WITH APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD TO BE RELEASED
EACH OF TWO FOLLOWING YEARS. LIM STATES CLASS A PRISONERS
WOULD CONTINUE FACE TRIAL, WITH PROBABLE MAXIMUM OF 200
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BEING TRIED EACH YEAR DUE JUDICIAL SYSTEM LIMITATIONS AND
REMAINDER BEING RECLASSIFIED AS CLASS B AND RELEASED IN
FINAL YEAR. LIM MADE PLEA FOR UNDERSTANDING OF INDONESIAN
HISTORY AND INTERNAL SECURITY CONCERNS AND WELCOMED QUIET
USG INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, HE NOTED
THAT PUBLIC USG ACTIONS REFLECTING CRITICISM OF INDONESIAN
PERFORMANCE WOULD MAKE MORE DIFFICULT JOB OF THOSE WITHIN
GOI SEEKING BRING ALONG THOSE OFFICERS WHOSE OVERRIDING
CONCERN IS INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION. LIM STATED HE
ANTICIPATED GOI WOULD CONTINUE MAKE PROGRESS IN THIS
FIELD PROVIDED IT NOT FORCED BACK AGAINST WALL BY UNFAIR
PUBLIC CRITICISM. DEPTOFFS UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF GOI
MAINTAINING ANNOUNCED RELEASE SCHEDULE AND ADVANTAGES OF
ADVANCING IT, IF POSSIBLE, AND URGED MAXIMUM POSSIBLE
REINTEGRATION OF RELEASED PRISONERS INTO SOCIETY.

5. LIM STATED GOI ALSO HOPED TALK LATER WITH ICRC ABOUT
VISIT TO TIMOR BUT THAT DISCUSSION OF TIMOR VISIT NOT
LIKELY UNTIL PRISON INSPECTION PROBLEM FIRST RESOLVED.
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